Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler voted today to pass the Medicare Premium Fairness Act. The legislation will protect seniors and people with disabilities from increases in their 2010 Medicare Part B premiums. Social Security benefits are expected to remain at the same level next year, and this bill will ensure that Medicare premiums also remain consistent during the same time period.

"We must protect our seniors from the burdens of higher Medicare costs," Congressman Adler said. "This legislation will ensure that South Jersey and Shore-area seniors do not face higher health care costs during these challenging economic times."

The bill passed the House floor today, and has received the support of AARP, the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Alliance for Retired Americans, and the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. The bill meets PAYGO requirements and it will not add to the national debt.